

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 32-33 are currently pending in the application. The indication of claims 11-15 and 19-20 as being drawn to allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of now cancelled claim 11. Claims 12, 15, 16 and 20 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 19 has been amended to independent form and includes the features of base claim 1, as previously presented.

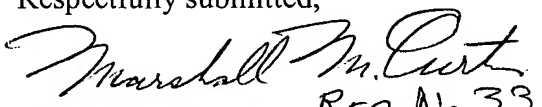
Because claim 1 and claim 19 have been amended to include only subject matter deemed previously allowable and all remaining claims depend from claim 1, the application is now in prima facie condition for allowance, and all outstanding rejections are now moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-10, 12-21 and 32-33 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Respectfully submitted,


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